

Reply to Office Action of August 14, 2006

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

The original Abstract has been revised. Please replace the original Abstract with the revised Abstract attached at the end of this Amendment.

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A filter assembly for a dishwasher is provided. The filter assembly includes a water circulator for supplying washing and rinsing water under pressure to the filter assembly, and at least one cleaning nozzle positioned at a predetermined position adjacent an outer circumference of the filter assembly. The at least one cleaning nozzle is provided in communication with the water circulator, and prevents excessive accumulation of waste particles in the filter assembly by periodically spraying pressurized water into the filter assembly.